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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, MEETING AT EL MONTE AIRPORT 4233 SANTA ANITA AVENUE EL MONTE, CA 91731-1697

COMMISSIONERS

PENELOPE CORNWALL
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MEMBER

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MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

ARON A. WOLF
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Penelope Cornwall
Secretary Angelo R. Cardono
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord
Commissioner Peter Amundson

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice Chairman George G. Butts
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division

AMERICAN AIRPORTS - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Jack Tippie, Aviation Division retired
Mr. Richard Morgan, El Monte resident
Mr. Kid Sause, American Airports Corporation
Mr. Jim Hayden, Civil Air Patrol

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Penelope Cornwall called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bobby Chase led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. August 26, 2009, Minutes

The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Mr. Gary Golson's name on the last paragraph of page 5.

On a motion by Commissioner Bobby Chase and seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander, the minutes were adopted.

B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- The Vista Aviation development project is near completion.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on September 17, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2009, at 7 p.m.
- The stakeholders' meeting and the security and safety group meeting were held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6 p.m. A total of 14 attendees participated.
- The U.S. Forest Service camped on the airport for a total of fourteen days in support of the aerial firefighting activities for the Station Fire.
- Inspections for Phase I of the Lateral-Precision Vertical (LPV) approach for Runway 12 began today.
- The airport has currently 10 vacant hangars.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport:

- Compton/Woodley Airport is currently preparing for the pavement rehabilitation project scheduled to begin November 2, 2009.
- The paint project on the north side of the pilot's lounge is complete.

- The stakeholders' meeting was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, with a participation of the Airport Users Group and the Commercial Tenants of Compton/Woodley Airport.
- The 16th Annual Air Fair was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- As a result of the Station Fire, the firefighting services currently have 10 heavy-lift helicopters based on the airport.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Picnic Area Improvements project has begun and concrete work is complete.
- The construction project on the southeast area of the airport is progressing. Underground electrical work is underway, and asphalt will be laid in the upcoming weeks.
- In preparation for the rainy season, cracked windows were replaced in the terminal building.
- The washer clarifier pump was replaced. This pump is replaced every two years.
- The stakeholders' meeting was held on September 15, 2006. Ten people participated in the meeting.

Mr. Steve Irving reported on events at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield:

- The airport played a big role during last month's fires. Over 360,000 gallons of fuel were sold.
- The Fox Airfield Pilots Association hosted its annual air fair pancake breakfast on September 12, 2009.
- The ADA Picnic Area Improvements project is expected to be completed within the next couple of days.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at El Monte Airport:

- On August 27, 2009, the airport hosted a noise meeting where several key items were discussed regarding what the airport and helicopter operators can do to mitigate noise impact on residents surrounding the airport.
- During the height of the Station Fire, El Monte Airport became a valuable resource. We had fire crews operating Bell 207 and A-Star helicopters coming and going from the airport to the frontlines.

- On September 11, 2009, the airport hosted CPR training, and the entire airport staff was recertified.
- A new bonding cable was installed at all the self-serve stations. The new cable will allow for flexibility and a better ergonomic feel for customers.
- The stakeholders' meeting was held on September 17, 2009. The meeting was well attended, and several airport issues were discussed such as the airport fair, hangar, and fuel prices.
- On Sunday, October 11, 2009, the Caltech Flying Club will host an open house for club members and the public. Food and drinks will be provided.

C. County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith

The Commission was provided with copies of the August 2009 expense and revenue report, and Mr. Richard Smith offered to answer any questions.

- On July 30, 2009, a bid was received for the El Monte Taxiway Development project in the amount of \$575,000. The contract was awarded on September 29, 2009, and the Notice to Proceed will be issued within two weeks.
- El Monte Airport will be the second airport to receive an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). The materials for the installation of AWOS for the four County airports have been ordered, and the contractor is awaiting delivery. The installation for El Monte Airport is expected to start in January 2010.
- The Brackett Field lighting and signage relocation project was advertised, and the lowest bid received was \$249,000. The contract is expected to be awarded on September 29, 2009. Construction is expected to begin in November 2009.
- The construction of the ADA Picnic Area Improvements project has begun at Brackett Field Airport and General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.
- Construction of the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project is expected to begin no later than November 3, 2009. Two tenant information meetings have been held, and an additional meeting to discuss the project is scheduled for October 6, 2009, at 5 p.m.
- The contract for the General Wm. J. Fox Airfield Master Plan Update is under the Federal Aviation Administration's review.

D. El Monte Airport additional items

No additional items.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Richard Morgan expressed concern about the noise near his home as a result of the high-speed, low-approaches at El Monte Airport. He stated that this issue has been addressed on many occasions with the airport manager and the Aviation Division. Mr. Smith advised Mr. Morgan to send aircraft information to the airport manager for additional investigation.

Commissioner Lord asked Mr. Smith to discuss the issue with the manager of the airport's control tower, and report back to the commission next month.

OTHER ITEMS

Chair Penelope Cornwall welcomed Mr. Jack Tippie to the meeting. Mr. Tippie is a former County of Los Angeles Aviation Division Chief.

IV. THE NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 7 p.m.
Whiteman Airport
12653 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2192
(818) 896-5271**

Chair Penelope Cornwall adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelo R. Cardono, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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